IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) The image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, which [farther] further comprises identifying means for identifying a password embedded in said image data, wherein said control means permits the print of an image which corresponds to said image data when the same password as said password is [input] inputted.

REMARKS

The specification and Claim 6 has been amended to correct minor informalities therein.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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